

Dear Parents,

Yes, it is that time of year once again as we prepare to begin the Science Fair projects. Listed below are some important points of which we would like you to be aware. After reading, please sign below and return the lower portion.

1. All projects must be submitted for approval.
2. Projects that include weapons of any type, eggs, potatoes and mold will not be approved.
3. The IJAS manual is sent home as a guide in order to assist the students to assemble their project boards and papers. The exact order and requirements for the paper and project board can be found on pages 13 -14. Failure to assemble the paper and/or project board correctly will result in loss of points on the paper and/or project board portion of the grade.
4. The review of literature section is the heart of the paper portion. It should be the background of the topic being studied. For example: If the project is about extracting DNA from fruit, the review of literature can be about the history of that fruit, about DNA, etc.
5. The review of literature should be at least 3 – 5 pages and does not include any scientific methods or procedures for the experiment.
6. Students will be required to submit an outline for the review of literature.
7. There must be at least 6 citations used to complete the research for the review of literature.
8. There must be at least five different references used in the citations during the review of literature. All references will be checked.
9. At least 2 books in print must be used for research.
10. Wikipedia is not an acceptable research source.
11. We use the MLA format for references and citations. This is to stay in line with the high schools. Please ignore the IJAS manual when it says APA format. MLA examples can be found in the IJAS manual.
12. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If plagiarism is detected, the paper will receive a grade of “0”, you will be contacted and your child will be required to rewrite the paper without any grade change.
13. There will be no class time allowed for work on the project for grades 7 - 8. However, I am available for assistance, if needed.
14. Logbooks are only required if the project requires repeated observation with notes (i.e. plant growth and time, etc.)
15. The Science Fair calendar is located in the front of the manual. Anything submitted late will receive a 10 point reduction for each day past the due date.

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I understand all the pertinent science fair information as stated above.

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Student's Name

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Date

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Parent Signature

Please sign this copy and return to Mrs. Ebert.